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26 February 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, 6I/RA

ATTENTION: Mr. John Fort

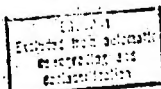SUBJECT: Name Check Request on NICHOLS, John M. (Garrison Case)

Per your request of 19 February 1969, attached is a copy of a summary
reporting the results of an OS records check on Dr. John M. NICHOLS.

Paul F. Gaynor
Chief, Security Research Staff/OS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Domestic Contact Service

SUBJECT   : Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination;
                          Dr. John M. Nichols

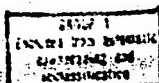ATTENTION   : Mr. George Musulin

     1. Dr. John Marshall Nichols, a University of
Kansas pathologist, has testified at the Clay Shaw trial
that "Photographic evidence of President Kennedy's
assassination was 'compatible' with the theory that the
fatal shot was fired from the front."

     2. Dr. Nichols, born 28 March 1921 at Charleston,
West Virginia, was employed by the Department of Pathology,
Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, when
he was approved for contact use by the Office of Security
in 1957. He had just returned from a trip to Czechoslovakia
where he visited research institutes and met with various
medical men. Office of Security records indicate that the
Contact Division of Domestic Contact Service planned
to debrief Dr. Nichols on this trip with scientific require-
ments relating to this area on an ad hoc basis. The
information to be discussed was classified through
CONFIDENTIAL.

     3. This office would appreciate any additional
information that the Domestic Contact Service could pro-
vide regarding this proposed relationship with Dr. Nichols.
In particular, this office is interested in ascertaining

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whether or not contact was actually made with Dr. Nichols.
If contact was made, we are also interested in finding out
how long this contact was maintained and how many meetings
were held. We also request copies of any reports for
which Dr. Nichols was the source.

John H. Fort
CI/R&A

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